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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back to U3A Waverley for 2022. We have every reason to expect that this year will be a more stable year than the past two as we learn to live with Covid, and as the proportion of the population fully vaccinated continues to increase. As I write this report the authorities are cautiously optimistic that the peak of the pandemic in Victoria may have passed. We can only hope!



It is fully understood that some members are hesitant about returning to face-to-face classes at the Hub and at Notting Hill, but we believe that by following the instructions of Monash Council, taking sensible precautions ourselves, and all behaving responsibly, we can minimise the risk of viral transmission in our activities.

Returning members will recall that as a result of connecting to the NBN, our telephone numbers had to change. This means that previously issued membership tags are now incorrect. New ones – a different colour – will be issued early in the year, so please take the opportunity to collect yours when they become available. The new tags also signify that you are fully vaccinated or have the appropriate exemption.

Please be on the lookout for a notice arriving soon, informing you of the Annual General Meeting of U3A Waverley which will be held mid- March. Our Rules of Association require all committee members to step down, but they can re-nominate. Please consider putting your name forward.

To all those who contribute directly to the running of the organisation throughout the year in whatever capacity – a huge thanks. Without you we would not exist!

Best wishes to all.

Robert

Contacting U3A

Over the last few months some members of the committee have been overloaded with emails concerning matters which are not their responsibility. In particular, the Webmaster and the Course Coordinator have received many emails concerning enrolments which they do not deal with. Sometimes this occurs because a member has hit the "reply" button on an old email – which often goes to the webmaster because he sends most of our 'global' emails.

This often delays resolving the matter raised by a member and can, in some cases, cause the matter to get "lost."

To avoid this occurring in the future it is requested that **ALL** emails concerning membership – enrolment, change of enrolment, apologies.....etc be sent to membership@u3awaverley.org.au. These enquiries can, of course, be dealt with at the office.

Webmaster

Our first webmaster, Geoff Fitzpatrick, (who is also our secretary), has indicated that he would like to relinquish his role as webmaster for U3A Waverley. This role is responsible for maintaining the U3A Waverley webpage, oversight of the UMAS enrolment system and facilitating the U3A electronic communications network, as well as many other matters relating to the above areas. The management committee is considering separating these roles which have developed rapidly over the last few years, but now seem to be reaching some form of stability.

We would be interested in hearing from any member with appropriate experience who would like to be considered for one or other of the areas described above. These positions do not require attendance at committee meetings. Any person taking on the role would have the full support of the committee, and Geoff has indicated that he is willing to train a new member and be available when required.

Members who would like to enquire more about being involved in this way should email president@u3awaverley.org.au with their enquiry. **Robert Taylor President**

Annual General Meeting

The date for the AGM for 2022 has now been fixed. As agreed at the last AGM, the meetings will now be rotated through the days of the week so that the same classes do not have to be modified or cancelled each year. This year it will be held at **11.00 am on Wednesday March 16** in the Multipurpose Room. A light lunch will be served at the end of the meeting. Put it in your diary now.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLASSES

Welcome back to the 2022 year. Please check your class timetable carefully, as some tutors have chosen to run their courses on Zoom for the first part of the year, some for the whole year.

Michele Rochecouste's French classes

Please note that this class will not commence until Friday 11th February.

French Classes with Yvonne Loddo

If you have selected French classes with Yvonne Loddo, these sessions will not commence until Term 2, as Yvonne is not well. We hope to see her later in the year. If you have enrolled in these courses, your names will be kept on the roll.

Christine Ponnampalam - Yoga Classes

We are delighted to welcome back Christine who will recommence her Yoga classes on Thursdays at 11:15am on Zoom. There are still places available should you wish to join this class

Music Theory with Jenny Hall.

This class will now commence in Term 2, providing there are a sufficient number of participants. If you have already booked for this class your name will be kept on the roll and you will receive first preference. If you now believe you may wish to enroll for a Term 2 start, please enroll now.

Sue Sturman, Class Coordinator



I sometimes wonder if you hear a word I say!



A pastor giving a children's sermon on vestments asked: "Why do you think I wear this collar?" One kid answered: "Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days?"



There are so many virus jokes out there it's a pandemic!

SENIOR CITIZENS – 2022 – some wise(?) advice!

- When you get old, never teach anyone anything, unless requested, even if you are sure you are right.
- Do not try to help unless asked for. Just be ready & available for it if possible.
- Do not give unsolicited opinion all the time.
- Do not expect everyone to follow your opinion, even though you feel your opinion was the best...
- Don't impose yourself on anyone on any subject.
- Don't try to protect your loved ones from all the misfortunes of the World. Just love them & pray for them.
- Don't complain about your health, your neighbours, your retirement, your woes all the time.
- Don't expect gratitude from children.
- There are no ungrateful children, there are only stupid parents, who expect gratitude from their children.
- Don't waste your last money on anti - age treatments. It's useless.
- Better spend it on a trip. It's always worth it.
- Take care of your spouse, even if he/she becomes a wrinkled, helpless and moody old person. Don't forget he/she was once young, good looking and cheerful, may be he/she is the only one who really needs you right now.
- Understand new technologies, obsessively follow the News, constantly study something new, a new skill, a new dish, a new indoor game, do not fall behind in time.
- Don't blame yourself for whatever happened to your life or to your children's lives, you did everything you could.
- Preserve your dignity & integrity in any situation, till the end.
- Do your best, my senior Peers. This is very important. Remember, you're still alive, someone needs you. Do your best & leave the rest to The Almighty.



The Waverley U3A Guitar Group Christmas Breakup at Jells Park.

Ritchies Community Benefit Program

Each month a bank transfer of about \$15 arrives in the U3A Waverley bank account from Ritchies IGA stores. This results from members (and friends) who have shopped at Ritchies (probably mainly in Mount Waverley), have a Ritchies card, use that card whilst shopping and have nominated U3A Waverley as their preferred organization. 0.5% of their spend is transferred to U3A Waverley.

If other members, their family and friends would like to contribute in this way they can download the Ritchies Card App onto their phone or obtain a card online – just type “Ritchies Card” into your search engine and nominate U3A Waverley.

Tablets were replaced by scrolls. Scrolls were replaced by books. Now we scroll through books on tablets.



From Monday the postmen will be working from home. They will read all your letters and ring you if it's anything important

OPERATIONAL DATES 2022

Term	Starts	Ends	Public Holidays
1	31 Jan	8 April	Labour Day 14 March
2	26 April	24 June	Queen's Birthday 13 June
3	11 July	16 Sept	
4	3 Oct	2 Dec	31 Oct & 1 November— Melbourne Cup